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STORAGE BATTERY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450** 

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 12, 2003, kindly amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.